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(h) if the said district board president has not yet interfered in the matter and has no intention to do so, whether the Government have any objection to interfere in the matter and appoint a competent person to be the president of the said Mangalore Taluk Board until the board elects a president of its own ?

A.—The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Disallowance of contribution to the People's Flood Relief Fund.

* 321 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the sum of Rs. 125 sanctioned by the Cocanada Taluk Board for the People's Flood Relief Fund has been disallowed by Government while an equal sum sanctioned by the same body for the Central Relief Fund has been allowed ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination in treatment ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 242.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister whether he could not trust the People's Flood Relief Fund and could trust only the Central Relief Fund ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I never said I could not trust the People's Flood Relief Fund."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I remind him of the answer given last time, Sir ? The answer was that there was no guarantee that the amount will be spent on flood relief in South India. May I ask whether the hon. the Minister still holds that opinion ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I did not say I did not trust the Fund authorities."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. Minister to refer to the answer ? It distinctly stated, I think I am right except for the articles and prepositions, that the reason why Government disallowed the contributions of certain municipalities to the People's Flood Relief Fund was that there was no guarantee that the amount contributed to the People's Flood Relief Fund will be spent on flood relief in South India. May I know whether it is still the opinion of the Government and if so what are the grounds for holding such an opinion ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That is a different matter. I said there was no guarantee."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" What are the grounds to believe that there was no such guarantee ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is a matter of opinion based on a fact, Sir. Government thought that there was no guarantee."